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VHF AND UP

The best 50 mc. DX worked in the last couple of months was performed by K5HVC. On 12 February, Bert snagged KH6UK, KH6CTC, JA8EF, JA7AGG, and CT3AE, all on phone. This completes WAC for Bert and he said the stations called him for the contacts!

This was kind of a sleeper since conditions have been rather poor of late. The calls cover a large area but were all worked from 1230 to 1315 CST. The JA signals were extremely strong but with rapid fading into the noise level. CT3AE had a steady S 6 but with beam heading from NE instead of East. Perhaps there was a bit of backscatter. XE1GE was also heard at this time as were about 12 other JA's!

K5JFN worked KH6CTC at the same time and worked into LU land on 17 February in the AM.

On 15 February, K5OOJ heard a YV5 by backscatter from the NW and on the 16th, worked into Mexico City via Es in the evening.

XE1GE reports that CEZD is on from Juan Fernandez Island at 50.2 mc. GE also remarked that he heard W5VY by BS on CW from the SE on 15 February.

K5GEH reports hearing some BS on the 21st at 1045 CST. CW sigs from W4RMU, W6PUZ, and W7RWX were received best from SSW. Keep those beams swinging around to look for the weak sigs that come from where they shouldn't. K5HVC hooked his DX while swinging his beam around to the south.

The International Geophysical Committee 1959 (IGC-59) is a continuation of the IGY though on a reduced scale. The ARRL-IGC has as a main objective the reporting of 50 mc. signals which cross the geomagnetic equator. W5EXZ and W5LFM are two of the 50 U.S. and 50 DX stations who will participate in the IGC-59 reporting.

Six meters is a wonderous band, in that it is the only amateur band which can utilize all known modes of propagation such as F2, Es, meteoric, ionospheric and tropospheric scatter, transequatorial, backscatter, moon bounce, ducting, line-of-sight, and auroral. Of the above, 50 mc. F2 and TE are the ones to be studied during IGC-59, along with any associated Es or BS. You can help by reporting any worked or heard stations from below the equator to W5EXZ or W5LFM. Good luck and DX.

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LADIES CLUB

Plans are being made by the Ladies Club to have a Spring Style Show at their March 6th meeting.

The fashions will be furnished by La Nora Dress Shop at 3621 West Ave. The models will be some of the girls from the club. We are looking forward to a very nice show, and are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

National A R R L Convention

Don't forget the 29th West Gulf Convention to be held in Galveston June 19, 20, 21, 1959. We received a letter from W5ZG, who is General Mgr. of the convention, and he has plenty in store for everyone. Don't forget that this will be a combination National Convention, and a West Gulf Division Convention.

MOBILE

This past month your Mobile reporter has been listening on 40 meters and found two of the gang have been quite active. K5HYX, and K5OCW are always looking for someone to work. We also heard K5RUL calling CQ, on his way up to Medina Lake the other day.

W5OZQ has finally made it back mobile again. He has his old rig back on 75.

W5DKF rushed out the other day and bought W1ZGH's Elmac AF67. Guess we will have another moile going soon.

The regular transmitter hunt was held on Feb. 8th. Of the six hunters who started, five were very red faced at the end of the hunt. Four of the XYL's were hunting in one of the cars and they came in with the least mileage. K5OPS Ethel, was the driver; K5OPT Ruth was loop op. Aileen, XYL of W5RSD, and Lou, XYL of K5PVI were the map readers.

I guess that is the way the ball bounced tho. The next hunt will be March 8th.

Gene W5EJT

RACES

Regular meetings of the Races program are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Bexar County Court House at 1930. A school evacuation is planned for March 20 at St. Margaret Mary's School.

C.D. Director to Speak

Mr. Louis R. Manz, Director of Bexar County Civil Defense and Disaster Relief will address the members of the San Antonio Radio Club on March 6th at 8:00 PM at The Gunter Hotel. That will be the first regular meeting of the club for the month of March.

Mr. Manz will discuss the plans for Civil Defense in Bear County for the future. Make it a point to attend this very important meeting.

AREC

All members of the AREC are requested to attend a meeting immediately following the regular Radio Club meeting on March 6.

Your attendance is essential.

Ray W5EDZ

AREC and RACES

The following is a reprint from the ARRL Emergency and traffic bulletin of Nov., 1958.

"AREC and RACES supplement each other. It has been said by one extreme faction of amateurs, that RACES has taken the place of the AREC, so why not forget about the AREC, and concentrate on RACES? Opposite extremists have felt that RACES is just another example of Government encroachment on our frequencies, and should be fought at every turn. As usual, the ARRL policy does not embrace either of these extremes, but

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feels that the two services can and should supplement and abet each other. This is what was intended when the League helped sponsor the formation of RACES in 1951.

The AREC is entirely Amateur-organized and operated as a service that can function only for peacetime disasters, but can do so on any Amateur frequency. It brings with it some forty-odd years of experience in operation in this field. RACES is a more recent service organized by Amateurs for and under civil defense, which can function for both wartime and peacetime disasters (in most states), but only on limited segments of the Amateur bands. RACES brings with it official government recognition and support in the form of facilities, equipment and financial aid. We are all interested in effecting the maximum possible efficiency in emergency communications during both peace and war. It is therefore sensible, logical and obvious that this can best be accomplished by maximum possible cooperation and coordination between RACES, and the AREC. The fact that some AREC and RACES groups are largely overlapping, if not completely so, has nothing to do with it. AREC members should sign up in RACES, if possible, so that they will be able to devote their energies to that service, the only one we will have in the event of war. RACES plans should envisage the use of normal Amateur facilities (the AREC) for peacetime disasters, in order to make the mostest use of the mostest, both in personnel and operating frequencies."

We in our organization, must have the desire to cooperate and we must attempt to instill it in our Civil Defense people locally by active efforts in that direction. The offer of cooperation must be a standing one, and must be renewed frequently on a friendly basis.

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Marion W5DBN Don K5CYJ

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The San Antonio Radio Club has been asked to participate in the Sport and Boat Show that is going to take place March 3 thru 8th at the Bexar County Coliseum. They want a booth set up so people can send messages to relatives and friends free of charge, and we might be able to be of some serviec to the Boat Club. The equipment will be furuished by Radio and T.V. Parts Co.

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